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REMARKS:

The examiner is thanked for the Office Action of January 28, 2003. As an initial matter, the examiner states that the restriction requirement issued on October 21, 2002 has been withdrawn as improper. As such, applicants assert that the election made in response thereto is moot.

The examiner has issued a new restriction requirement to one of the following:
Group I including claims 1-33 and 37-59 drawn to a display and support stand; and
Group II including claims 34-36 drawn to a method of mounting a display on a stand.
Applicants elect claims 1-33 and 37-59 of Group I with traverse.

Claims 34-36 are drawn to a method of mounting a pen-enabled computer display (PED) on a stand. The method relates to a display and stand and therefore corresponds to claims in Group I (as defined by the examiner). Applicants assert that the method of mounting a PED on a stand, as claimed, would not be practiced with a materially different product. In addition, claim 34 includes providing a PED, thereby limiting the method claims.

In addition, the examiner requires an election with respect to species of figures 1-15, species of figures 16-18, species of figures 19-21, and species of figures 22-25. Applicants elect the species of figures 1-15 with traverse.

Applicants submit that there is adequate disclosure of relationship between all species (as defined by the examiner). All figures relate to a stand having a bearing surface for receiving a boss projecting from the rear of a display housing, wherein the stand removably and rotatably supports that display. Applicants assert that claim 1 is generic as to all species of figures 1-25. The species of figures 1-15 include a bearing

surface 40. The configuration provides a smooth surface for a display mounted on the stand to rotate against. (See Specification, page 14, lines 2-5). The species of figures 16-18 relate to a stand having the same lockable legs as in the first embodiment (figures 1-15), but provide an alternate arrangement for rotatably attaching the display to the stand. (See Specification, page 22, lines 1-3). Figures 19-21 include a bearing member 310 and rotating cradle 308. (See Specification, page 23, lines 7-21). Figures 22-25 includes a rotatable bearing 406. Bearing 406 remains essentially fixed with respect to stand 420 while the housing 402 rotates with respect to bearing 406. (See Specification, page 24, line 23 – page 25, line 1). Applicants submit that there is adequate disclosure providing relationship between the species, as claimed by applicants. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the species election requirement.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the election requirement for claims and figures be withdrawn. However, applicants elect claims 1-33 and 37-59, as well as figures 1-15, with traverse. It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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